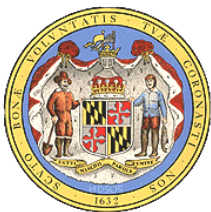


Justice Reinvestment Advisory Board



Subject: September 2019 Meeting Minutes

Date: September 24, 2019
12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Board members:

In person: Toni Holness, Christine Celeste, Caryn York

By phone: Nicholas Katz, Crista Taylor, Dr. Valerie Barnes

Guests: Monique Boyd

Absent: Anthony Washington, Gerald Stansbury, Trisha Gentle, Michele Hughes, Bill Gaertner

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention: Daniel Atzmon, Don Hogan, Andy Baranauskus, Carly Gayda, Carl Kotowski

Welcome

Meeting began at 12:10 p.m. with introductions followed by a discussion of personnel changes. The Board was informed that Angelina Gaurino has assumed a position at the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) and that Daniel Atzmon will serve as the new Director of Justice Reinvestment.

Members were informed that Gerald Stansbury, President of the Maryland NAACP, would now represent the organization on the Advisory Board. Members were also told that the Maryland Retailers Association role should be filled by the next meeting. Local Government Commission vacancies were also discussed as was the appointment of new Commission Chair, Corey Pack of

Talbot County.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Performance Incentive Grant Fund

Daniel presented updates on the Performance Incentive Grant Fund and shared that GOCCP expects the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to be released soon. The funding priorities, the reinvestment timeline and formula, and breakdown of funding between State and Local projects was discussed and member questions answered. Daniel discussed the GOCCP grant process and the support available to grantees. GOCCP will share grantee information and the funding award breakdown once the decisions are finalized.

Toni Holness inquired about the review process, including if the review committee will be open to the public. Daniel explained that the Oversight Board has the statutory responsibility of making the local funding decisions while the Director of GOCCP is responsible for the state level awards. The Oversight Board will have between five and seven members form a review committee. As grant reviews are likely to be done remotely and the reviewers would not constitute a quorum, the review process is not subject to the Open Meetings Act. However, GOCCP will endeavor to share as much information as possible without compromising the integrity of the grant review process.

Performance Measures

Performance Measures were shared and discussed. The Board expressed an interest in additional data points including more demographic information and trends by sex, race, and county. There was also a discussion of local detention data and an interest in the number of pretrial inmates held without bond and changes in the pretrial population in jurisdictions awarded funding for pretrial services. GOCCP should have responsive data and updates to share at next meeting, which will have a data focus. GOCCP's data team and representatives from DPSCS will be invited to present.

Expungements and Victim Restitution

The Board discussed issues it will like to address over the next several months and there was a

strong interest in continuing discussions around both expungement and victim restitution. To facilitate these discussions, GOCCP will schedule separate meetings for focused work on each topic. Heather Amador from GOCCP's Victim Services Unit will be invited to present and share at the victim restitution meeting.

Closing Thoughts and Next Steps

Board members brought up concerns regarding messaging and communication of JRA goals, priorities and provisions. GOCCP will continue to engage in stakeholder outreach.

The Board agreed and GOCCP will schedule discussions on expungement and restitution. The next Advisory Board meeting will be scheduled for December followed by a meeting in late March.

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.